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(57) Abstract

A service module is provided for use in a mobile communications system. The service module provides services to a calling user such as an answering service comprising several indivudual mailboxes. The service node uses an international origin indicator received during call establishment to detect a call for which an international answerphone mode should be employed. The service node is able to detect a selection indicator provided by a subscriber making a call from another subscriber's handset, to thereby allow the caller to access his/her own mailbox from another's handset.